

## REMARKS

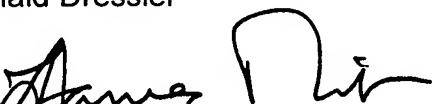
The subject application was filed with 25 claims, consisting of independent claim 1, directed to a drumhead, with associated dependent claims 2-9; independent claim 10 also directed to a drumhead, with associated dependent claims 11-16; and independent claim 17 directed to a tone control device, with associated dependent claims 18-25.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of now-cancelled claim 5, and claims that previously depended from claim 5 have been amended to depend from amended claim 1.

In the outstanding official action, claims 1-4 were rejected, claims 5-9 objected to, and claims 10-25 allowed. The foregoing amendment recasts objected-to claim 5 into independent form, with claims 2-4 and 6-9 depending directly or indirectly therefrom. No amendments are directed to claims 10-25.

For the foregoing reasons, applicant believes that all claims are allowable and requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

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